



Legislative Process
WQCC
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Office of Legislative Affairs

Primary Contact point between the Water Boards and the Legislature, and between the Water Boards, Cal/EPA and the Governor's Office on legislative matters.

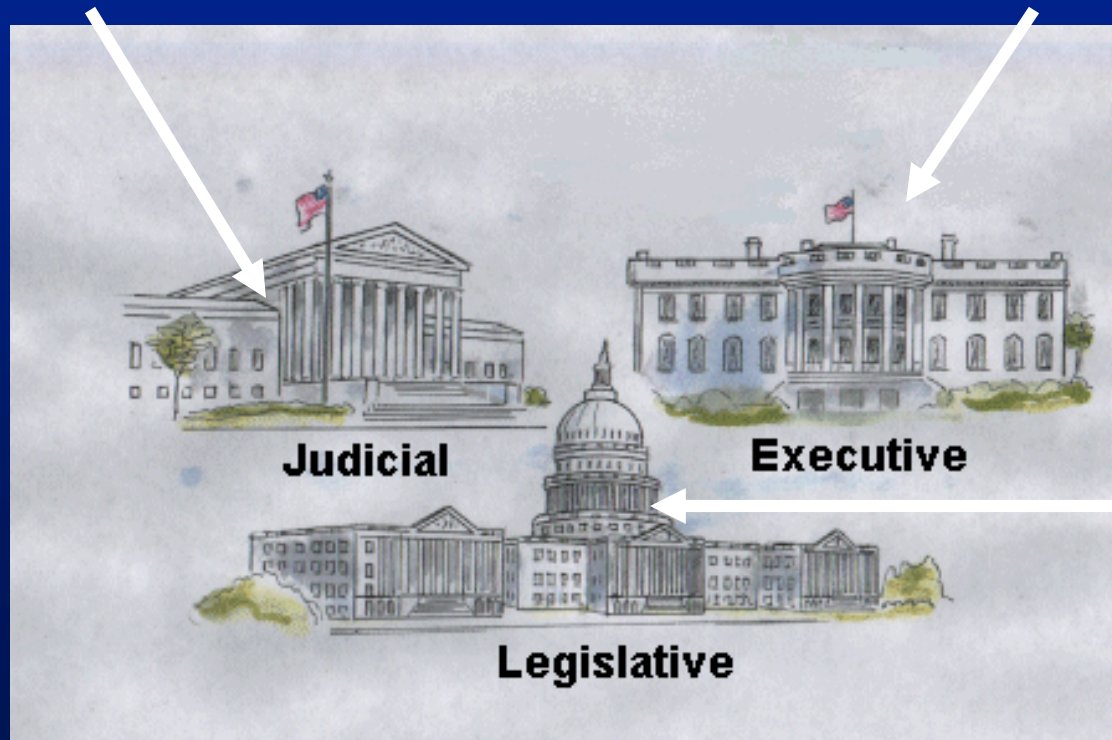
- Legislative Proposals
- Bill Review
- Bill Analysis and EBRs
- Education/Relationship Building/Partnerships
- Monitor Federal Legislation
- Report Tracking and Follow Up
- Legislative Correspondence and Communication

*State of California's
Legislative Process*

Branches of Government

Judicial interprets
the laws

Governor and
State Agencies
implement the
laws



Legislature
writes the
laws

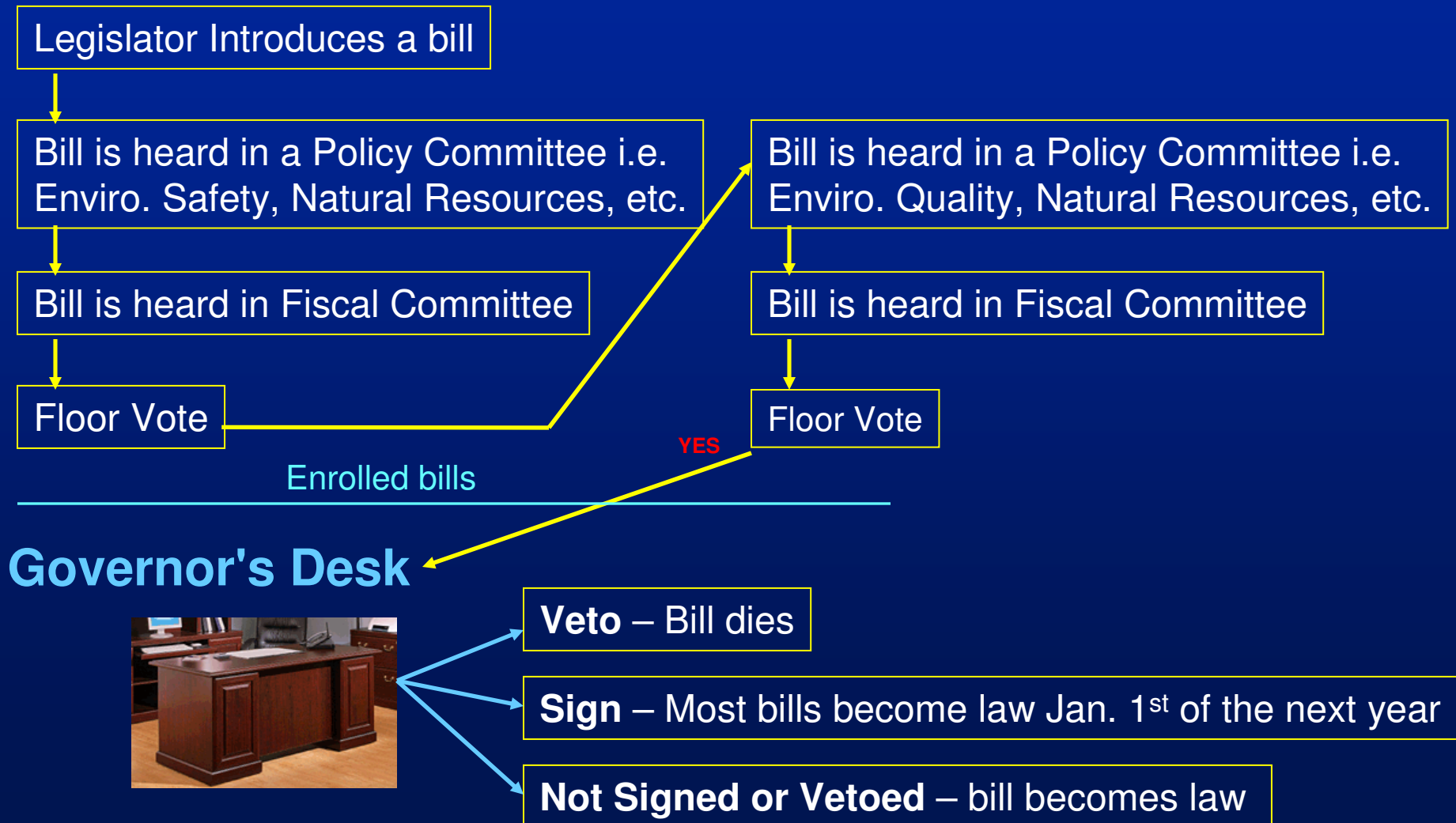
The Legislature – the basics

- Composed of two houses - Senate & Assembly
- Two year bill cycle
- Majority vote needed for most bills
- 2/3 vote needed for bills that make an appropriation and urgency measures

How a Bill Becomes Law

1st House

2nd House



*State Water Board's
Internal Legislative Processes*

Legislative Concepts and Proposals

Legislative Concept
Development
(July/August)



Legislative Proposal
Development
(Sept/October)



Cal/EPA Review and Approval



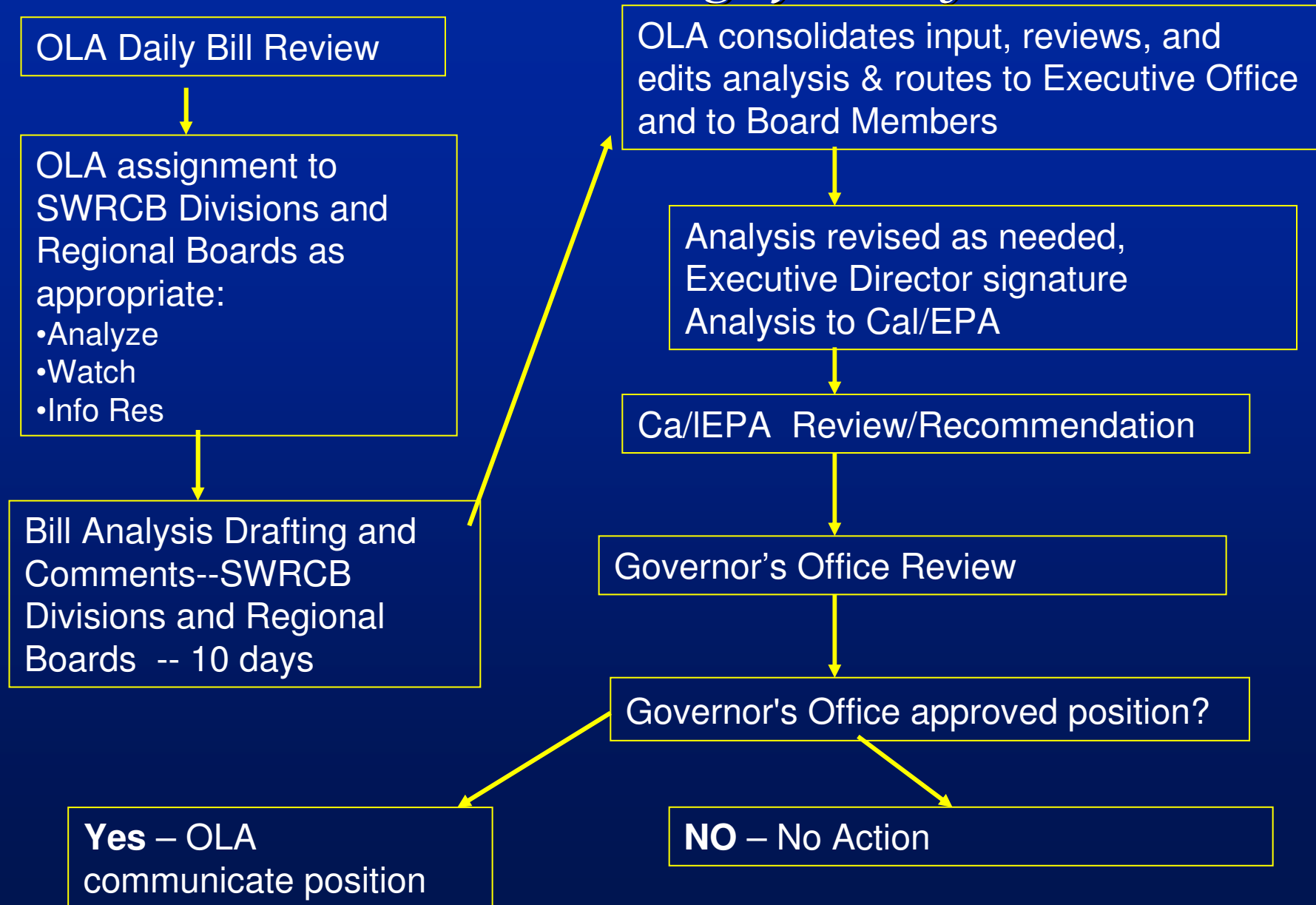
Governor's Office Review
and Approval



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State Water Board Internal Bill Analysis Process

Time Frames and Routing of Analysis



Possible Positions

O = Oppose

OUA = Oppose Unless Amended

S = Support

SA = Support if Amended

N = Neutral

NA = Neutral if Amended

Some important reminders

- The State Water Board makes recommendations to Cal/EPA and the Governor's Office, but only the Governor can approve a position.
- In order to lobby/communicate a position on legislation, the Waterboards must have an approved position from the Governor's Office.
- With a Governor's Office approved position, OLA is responsible for communicating the Administration's position to the Legislature.
- Analyses and the discussion of analyses are **CONFIDENTIAL**.

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW



AS INTRODUCED



FIRST AMENDMENT



SECOND AMENDMENT



AS ENACTED



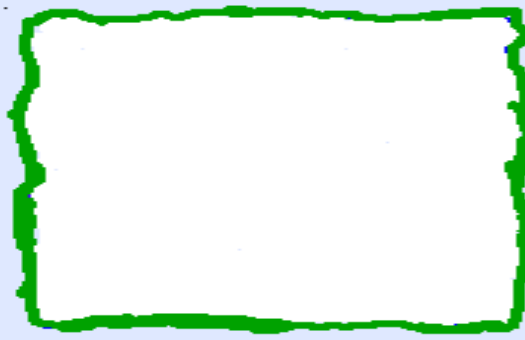
AS FUNDED BY JOINT
BUDGET COMMITTEE



AS IMPLEMENTED BY
THE STATE AGENCY



AS REPORTED
BY THE MEDIA



AS UNDERSTOOD
BY THE PUBLIC



WHAT WAS ACTUALLY
NEEDED